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SUBJECT: GKR TO GVN RICE LOAN REPAYMENT

REF: A) STATE 246099 B) SAIGON 20981 C) STATE 244362

1. HAVE CONTACTED MINISTER CUONG AND NATIONAL FOOD ADMINISTRATION (PREVIOUSLY GSA) IN REFERENCE TO RICE REPAYMENTS PROPOSED REF (A). THEY HAVE GRUDGINGLY AGREED TO DELAYED ARRIVALS. PROPOSED DISCHARGE PORTS ARE: AMERICAN CONDOR, QUINHON; PRESIDENT HAYES, DANANG; ANY OR ALL OF LYKES SHIPS NOW SCHEDULED KOMPONG CHAM, SAIGON.

2. GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS ARE VERY LOW IN CENTRAL VIETNAM. QUINHON CURRENTLY HAS 3000 TONS, ABOUT ONE WEEK SUPPLY AND DANANG 12000 TONS ABOUT ONE MONTH'S NORMAL SUPPLY. WE HAVE GYQTEMPTED PERSUADE GVN OFFICIALS TO MOVE GOVERNMENT RIC STOCKS FROM SAIGON TO QUINHON. HOWEVER, ALL GVN COASTERS FULLY ENGAGED.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED GVN THAT ALL RICE LOANED TO GKR WAS FROM SAIGON STOCKS AND THAT DISCHARGE AT QUINHON EZD/OR DANANG WOULD ENTAIL ADDITIONAL FREIGHT COSTS AS FREIGHT TO THESE TWO PORTS

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HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN HIGHER THAN SAIGON. THEY HAVE AGREED TO

OPEN THE NECESSARY L/C'S FOR ADDITIONAL FREIGHT AND DEMURRAGE IF
NEEDED. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE GVN THAT IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE
TO SWAY THE OWNERS OF THE AMERICAN CONDOR TO DISCHARGE AT

QUINHON AS THE DISCHARGE RATE IS CERTAIN TO BE VERY LOW DUE
MONSOON WEATHER AND PROBABLE OPEN ROADSTEAD DISCHARGE OF SHIP TO
LIGHTEN BEFOREMOVING TO INNER HARBOR. DECON: 12/19/74.
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